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SUBJECT: ECE: AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND
EFFICIENCY IN ECE REGION; GENEVA, 21-23 MARCH 1977

REF: STATE 55312; STATE 39623 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS DEPT GUIDANCE TO USMISSION DELEGATE TO BE
ACCREDITED TO SUBJECT MEETING. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE MEETING (ECE/AC.3/1) CONTAINS NO INHERENTLY CONTRO-
VERSIAL ITEMS AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO EXTEND BEYOND THE
LIMITED MANDATE GIVEN TO THE AD HOC MEETING BY THE
COMMISSION IN PARAGRAPHS (C) (I) AND (II) OF COMMISSION
DECISION G (XXXI). NEVERTHELESS, AS MISSION POINTS OUT
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IN GENEVA 1669, WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT THAT SOVIETS,
SUPPORTED BY EASTERN EUROPEANS, WILL TAKE THE OCCASION
TO PUSH ONCE AGAIN THEIR PROPOSAL FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN
CONGRESS ON ENERGY. MISSION IS WELL BRIEFED ON US
POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AND IF IT IS RAISED SHOULD DRAW
UPON AND REITERATE SUBSTANCE OF PRIOR US STATEMENTS ON
THE PROPOSAL IN OTHER ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

NOTE: BACKGROUND INFO ON OUR STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH THE SOVIET CONGRESSES INITIATIVE IS CONTAINED IN STATE 55312.

2. FURTHER GUIDANCE KEYED TO SPECIFIC ITEMS IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA: ITEM 3 - EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON MEASURES ADOPTED OR ENVISAGED TO ACHIEVE GREATER ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY, AND ON THE RESULTS OF THESE MEASURES (ECE/AC.3/R.1): LAST OCTOBER THE DEPT FORWARDED TO THE ECE SECRETARIAT A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS WHICH THE SECRETARIAT COULD DRAW UPON FOR ITS UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES IN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES. WE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED SECRETARIAT DRAFT SUMMARY FOR US (GENEVA A-15) AND INFORMED THE SECRETARIAT IN STATE 39623 THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE DRAFT. US DELEGATE SHOULD NOTE BEYOND THE WRITTEN TEXT THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS NOW INTENSIVELY AT WORK TO FORMULATE A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL. THE PRESIDENT AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE STATED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS WILL CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE NEW POLICY. AS SOON AS FURTHER DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE, US WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF ECE.

3. ITEM 4 - REVIEW OF WORK DONE OR PLANNED IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK RELATING TO ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY (ECE/AC.3/R.2). THIS NOTE WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AND PLANNED OVER THE PERIOD UP TO 1981. LAST YEAR'S AD HOC MEETING AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION MIGHT CONVENE AD HOC MEETINGS AND SEMINARS AS APPROPRIATE IN SIX HIGH PRIORITY AREAS AND MIGHT REQUEST APPROPRIATE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO CARRY OUT COOPERATIVE STUDIES IN EIGHT DESIGNATED KEY AREAS (ECE/AC.2/2- D(C)16, PARAS 2-2.6 AND 3-3.8). ANY PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL FUTURE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AT THIS MEETING -- E.G., SEMINAR ON GENERAL ENERGY PERSPECTIVES (GENEVA 1486) -- WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED ON THEIR MERITS BEFORE US WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE A POSITION. IF APPROPRIATE, US DELEGATE SHOULD REMIND THE ECE SECRETARIAT THAT WE HAVE MADE THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) THE PRINCIPLE VEHICLE OF OUR MULTI-LATERAL ENERGY R&D COOPERATION AND EFFORTS AND THAT BULK OF OUR MANPOWER AND RESOURCES MUST NECESSARILY BE DEVOTED TO THAT FORUM. IT MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO NOTE OUR CONCERN THAT IN CARRYING OUT ECE ENERGY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

THAT UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION BE AVOIDED. WE HAVE MADE
THIS POINT ON PAST OCCASIONS AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT
STANOVNIK IS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERN.

4. ITEM 5 - COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND
HEAT (ECE/AC.3/R.3). THIS DRAFT OUTLINE PROPOSES A
SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN 1978. THE SEMINAR WOULD DEAL WITH
ONE OF THE PRIORITY TOPICS AGREED UPON AT THE MARCH 1976
AD HOC MEETING. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR COMMENTS AT THIS
TIME REGARDING THE PREPARATION AND HOLDING OF THE SEMINAR.

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